

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
July 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on July 1, 2016, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board,
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site,
- d. The News Journal, and
- e. The Delaware State News.

Mrs. Shock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Dougherty, Councilwoman Torres, and Councilman Casquarelli

Absent: None

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, and Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli questioned why the Vice-Mayor spot was not up for election.

Mr. Eliassen explained that the way the motion was made last month was to have Michael Schock to the Town Council to fill Vice-Mayor Green's term expiring February 2017. This filled both the Council seat and the Vice-Mayor term in the one motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property tax payments are due by September 30, 2016. Payments received after September 30, 2016 4:00pm will accrue a 1.5% finance charge each month the account is rendered delinquent.

Mayor King added to receive the \$20 early bird discount property tax bills must be paid in full by July 29th at 4pm.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the June 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the June 6, 2016 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the May 2, 2016 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed. Vice-Mayor Schock abstained since he was not on Council at this time.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow reported that the 2016 property taxes were mailed out July 1st, 2016 and will be due September 30, 2016. She added to receive the discount the property tax balance must be paid in full by July 29th, 2016 at 4pm.

Mrs. Marlow reported that Mr. Josiah will be at the August Council meeting for his quarterly review.

Mayor King asked to have a comparison report for next month's meeting to show the discount for the past three years.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Chief Bryson added that the new officer is helping with keeping the overtime hours down.

Chief Bryson also explained that there have been 4 people arrested for begging around the Camden Walmart.

Mayor King stated that he feels the police officers and military have the hardest jobs. He explained that he has the upmost respect for Chief Bryson and all police officers. He also thanked Council for the hiring of a new police officer. He stated that he supports the police department.

Councilwoman Torres agreed that she supports Chief Bryson and the police department.

Vice-Mayor Schock thanked Chief Bryson.

Chief Bryson stated that he feels it is time to work on a better ordinance to prevent people from pan handling in town.

Mayor King questioned if there were any protests going on in the area.

Chief Bryson replied that there have not been any rumors of one in Camden but there is another on going on in Dover tomorrow.

Mayor King expressed that he knows that the Camden police department will handle every situation properly.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that \$13,000 was received for RETT in May. He added that the paving and striping project are complete.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that a contractor has been hired to do the work at 130 Carter Ln.

Mr. Chaffinch added that weed killer has been bought and is only purchased every two years.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that there was a sink hole on Center Street that was an emergency job and has already been repaired.

Councilman Casquarelli stated that the Center Street and Camden Commons street paving jobs look excellent.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Donna Chapel explained that the Manor House will be painted and windows are starting to be repaired.

VFW

Kurt from the Camden VFW shared that the VFW offers two scholarships for students and he left forms on the back table.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked all heroes in uniform. He also added that he would like to do a food drive and would like to ask the VFW for help with the drive.

Mayor King thanked Council and staff.

PUBLIC HEARING

Noise Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to enter into public hearing. All in favor; none opposed.

Mr. Chaffinch read the title for Ordinance #2016-O-01 and explained that this ordinance was discussed at the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting.

Judith Leith – 116 S Main St, stated that the cars at the car wash will have their radios and bass at full volume and that she can hear it inside of her house.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Leith for her comment. He added that he personally has asked the customers to turn down their volumes.

Chief Bryson stated that the first time is a warning, the second and all subsequent offenses will be fined.

Mr. Kenneth Pennington – 168 Old Camden Road, explained that people will go into the old Super Soda Center and leave their stereo volumes high.

Mr. Fifer questioned what the consequences will be and who will enforce the ordinance.

Chief Bryson explained that someone has to call in the complaint. A police officer cannot be the victim.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to exit public hearing. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Flags

Jesse Garcia handed out a packet to Mayor and Council. He explained that they have contacted the power companies and have included a form to request permission to use the poles to hang the proposed flags.

Chief Bryson stated that he has recently saw a town that had similar flags that business sponsored and they had the business name at the bottom of the flags.

Mayor King questioned if any local businesses were contacted on making the flags. He added that he thinks it is great ideas to have businesses donate to purchase the signs.

Mr. Garcia reported that he would like to see two series of flags; one for Historic Camden and one as a seasonal set of flags. He would like to see them on 40 poles.

Councilwoman Torres added that she likes the sponsor idea.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Garcia for his presentation. He explained that the Council will discuss this farther at next month's meeting after they have time to review the packet that has been presented to them.

Councilman Dougherty added that he would like to see the higher quality flags purchased.

Appointment to Planning Commission to fulfill Michael Schock's term

Mayor King recommended having Mark Girty fill Michael Schock's Planning Commission term. He has been on the Board of Adjustment for several years.

Mr. Girty introduced himself to Mayor and Council. He expressed that he loves to serve his community.

A motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to appoint Mark Girty to the Planning Commission to fulfill Michael Schock's term. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Mr. Chaffinch read the title to Ordinance 2016-O-01.

A motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the final reading of Ordinance # 2016-O-01. Roll call;

Councilman Torres – yes

Vice- Mayor Schock – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Casquarelli – yes

Mayor King – yes

All in favor; motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ken Pennington – 168 Old Camden Rd, stated that the weeds at the island by the old Super Soda center need to be tend to.

Mrs. Donna Chapel questioned when the hole on Main Street would be fixed.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that DelDot should be fixing the storm drain.

Mrs. Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Dr, questioned if the police could patrol the stop sign coming from Walmart, as people are blowing the stop sign.

Mr. Garcia questioned if the recreational vehicles have been warned, as the cars on Center Street have been, for blocking the sidewalk.

Chief Bryson stated that he will make a note of it.

Honorable Edmanson applauded all of the citizens for participating at the Council Meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli welcomed Vice-Mayor Schock to the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn regular session and enter into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

To consider a strategy with respect to pending and/or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 9:41pm by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*